## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

- 1. (currently amended): A system for treating articles comprising:
- a plurality of treatment containers, in which the articles may be acted upon in each case by a treatment liquid;
- a feed device, by means of which the articles are conveyed through the system and in the process are dipped successively into the treatment containers,

the feed device comprising at least one feed carriage which in turn comprising:

running gear movable along the path of motion of the articles having its own

## drive;

- at least one swivel arm hingedly coupled to the running gear;
- a holding device <u>hingedly</u> coupled to the swivel arm for at least one article; and, mutually independently actuable drives for translational movement, the
- swivelling of the at least one swivel arm and of the holding device; and,

at least two treatment containers disposed one immediately downstream of the other without the interposition of a dripping zone.